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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
FIRE ALARM, BURGLAR ALARM & LOCKSMITH
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF

BRIAN L. GROCHAL

FOR BURGLAR & FIRE ALARM LICENSE IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Administrative Action

CONSENT ORDER

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Fire Alarm, Burglar Alarm and Locksmith Advisory Committee ("Committee") upon receipt of an application for burglar and fire alarm licensure from Brian L. Grochal ("respondent"). Subsequent to the receipt of respondent's application, the Committee was provided with a criminal history summary pertaining to respondent's criminal history.

The summary indicated respondent has a nearly thirteen year criminal arrest and conviction history, involving ten arrests resulting in a total of four criminal convictions. Three of those convictions were drug related. The fourth conviction was for Improper Behavior. Most recently, respondent was arrested on July 22, 2006 by the Berlin Township Police Department and charged with Possession of Marijuana/Hashish and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia...

On March 20, 2007 respondent appeared with counsel, Mario Persiano, Esq., at an investigative inquiry held by the Committee. The respondent discussed the numerous rehabilitation programs he has attended, which include: Intoxicated Drivers Resource Center (IDRC); Narcotics Anonymous (N/A); Alcoholics Anonymous (AA); and that he has been in therapy with Dr. Bertram Weiss.

The Committee gave consideration to all of the documentation submitted and to respondent's testimony at the investigative inquiry. The Committee considered the nature and duties of the license for which respondent is applying, the nature and seriousness of each crime for which he was convicted, the circumstances under which each crime occurred, the date of each crime, respondent's age at the time of the crimes, whether the crimes were an isolated or repeated incident, the social conditions which may have contributed to each crime and evidence of rehabilitation.

Most of respondent's criminal history involved offenses in connection with the use of drugs and alcohol. Respondent has been employed in the alarm business since the age of sixteen when many of the offenses were committed. The Committee is keenly aware that most of respondent's offenses related to drugs, some of which occurred while respondent was previously employed in the alarm industry.

The Committee has considered the testimony of respondent, his response to a demand for a Statement in Writing Under Oath, and his experience since age sixteen in the alarm industry. Respondent appears to be doing well and has demonstrated evidence of rehabilitation. The Committee has determined that respondent may be granted licenses subject to the conditions outlined in this order. However, the Committee is keenly aware of respondent's criminal history and therefore any deviation from the terms of this order will result in immediate suspension of both licenses. The Committee finds that such a provision coupled with the restrictions placed on respondent's practice by this order are adequate to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public, and that good cause exists for entry of this order.

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS on this the day of april , 2008

HEREBY ORDERED AND AGREED THAT:

- 1. Respondent's application for a Burglar Alarm license and a Fire Alarm license in New Jersey is hereby granted subject to the conditions outlined in this order.
- 2. Respondent is hereby reprimanded for the facts underlying his criminal arrests and for his conviction history.
- 3. Respondent shall obey all of the laws of the State of New Jersey, the United States and their political subdivisions as well as all regulations, rules or laws pertaining to the practice of fire alarm and burglar alarm installation in this State or any other State.
- A. Respondent shall provide evidence of attendance, a minimum of once per week, at NA/AA groups directly to the Committee on a quarterly basis. For purposes of this order, however, the first submitted quarterly proofs shall be due no later than June 30, 2008 for all NA/AA attendance for the months of April, May and June 2008. The second submitted quarterly report shall be due no later than September 30, 2008 for the months of July, August and September 2008 and subsequent reports shall be submitted quarterly thereafter. If respondent discontinues attendance at any support group, without first obtaining approval of the Committee, he shall be deemed in violation of this Order.
- 5. Respondent hereby consents to the entry of an order of automatic suspension of license, without notice, upon the Committee's receipt of any information which the Committee in its sole discretion deems—reliable demonstrating that respondent has engaged in violations of criminal law involving dishonesty or drug related offenses or has been convicted of any petty disorderly person's offense, disorderly person's offense or crime in the State of New Jersey, another state or the United States or their political subdivisions.
- 6. Respondent shall have the right to apply for removal of the automatic suspension upon two (2) days notice but in such event shall be limited to a showing that he has not engaged in such violations of criminal law or been convicted of any petty disorderly person's offense,

disorderly person's offense or crime in the State of New Jersey, another state, the United States or their political subdivisions.

FIRE ALARM, BURGLAR ALARM AND LOCKSMITH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Robert Shoremount Committee Chairman

I have read and I understand the terms of this order and agree to be bound by it. I consent to the entry of this Order.

Brian I. Grachal

4/11/08 Date

I hereby consent to the entry of this order as to form.

Mario J. Persiano, Esq.

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June 30, 2008

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Re: In the Matter of the Application of Brian L. Grochal for Burglar & Fire Alarm License in the State of New Jersey

Dear Mr. Donofrio:

Please be reminded of this office's representation of the applicant, Brian L Grochal, regarding the above-captioned matter. Enclosed please find documentation showing Mr. Grochal's consistent attendance at local Narcotics Anonymous meetings, as well as a letter from George Dougherty, a recovering addict, who can attest to Mr. Grochal's commitment to recovery.

Thank you for your kind attention in this matter. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

PORTELLA & BJORKLUND, LLC

MJP/

cc: Mr. Brian Grochal

Brian Grochal

June 25, 2008

To whom it may concern;

My name is George Dougherty, I am recovering addict with 23 years clean. I attribute my recovery to my commitment to a 12 step program.

Recently I have been attending meetings with Mr Brian Grochal. Brian has shown a sincere commitment to making a positive change in his life.

This program has made me a productive member of society. I see the same type of changes taking place in Brians life as well.

If you have any other questions or would like to discuss this further do not hesitate to call.

Regards,

George Dougherty

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